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## Biblical Notes.

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**Marginal References with the Revised Version.** The absence of marginal references from the revised Bible has been a great inconvenience to every one. It has necessitated constant turning to the old editions, and when one might not have both, the Authorized Version has been the one chosen. It has been one of the drawbacks to the practical adoption of the Revision. Steps are being taken in England toward supplying this radical deficiency. The Convocation of Canterbury has assumed the appointment of a committee who shall prepare the list and arrange for its publication with the text. It seems that the Revisers originally contemplated doing this themselves, but the time and labor called for were more than they could provide, so the matter went by default. A complete set of marginal references, of which Dr. Scrivener was the editor, was continually used by the Revisers in their work. The new list to be published will probably be a careful revision of this one by Dr. Scrivener, with such additions as may seem suitable. Many who admire and use the Revision will be thankful when they can have a copy with full and exact references on the margin.

**Phylacteries.** The phylactery worn upon the forehead is a small, black leather box, half an inch square, with four compartments, in each of which is a tiny scroll. These scrolls are strips about four inches long and half an inch wide, rolled up, fastened by a minute band of parchment, and tied with the hair of a clean beast. Scroll No. 1 is inscribed with Exodus 13 : 1-10, relating to the sanctification of the first-born, the Passover Feast. Scroll No. 2 has verses 11-16 of the same chapter. Scroll No. 3 contains Deut. 6 : 4-9, the great Creed of the Jewish faith. Scroll No. 4 has Deut. 11 : 13-21. In all, then, the phylactery contains thirty-one verses of the Pentateuch. To the lid of the box is attached a strap some two yards long, which is knotted to form a fillet for the head, and retain the phylactery in place upon the forehead. The outside of the box bears a Hebrew letter which is an abbreviation for one of their names of God. The phylactery for the arm has but one compartment and one roll, which, however, contains all four above passages ; and there is no initial upon the exterior. The wearing of the phylacteries grew out of a literal interpretation of the Deuteronomy text on Scroll No. 3, and was parallel to a religious practice already common in Egypt. Christ does not seem to have condemned the custom in itself. So writes Rev. J. G. Kitchen, in the *Treasury*.

**The Effect of Errors in the Bible.** An important article was recently contributed to *The Thinker* by Rev. J. J. Lias upon the subject : How do Errors in the Bible Affect its Divine Authority and Inspiration? In concluding, he says : "The admission of the existence of error in the Scripture *does* destroy the theory of a revelation made by means of an infallible book, every portion of whose contents is equally important and equally binding on the conscience. . . . It may even destroy the idea of a volume in which—so far as the New Testament is concerned—the utterances of accredited teachers of religion are